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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Chairman, Image Processing Working Group (IPWG)

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FROM:

Chairman, Imagery Planning Subcommittee (IPS)

SUBJECT

Chairmanship of the IPWG

1. I am pleased to have you accept the Chairmanship of the newly reconstituted Image Processing Working Group, and look forward to a pleasant and productive working relationship between the IPS and the IPWG. I will be looking to you to plan, organize, coordinate, and direct IPWG activities in consonance with IPS guidance. I have attached a copy of the mission and functions statement for the IPWG.

2. In your role as IPWG Chairman, you will be responsible for:

a. Facilitating interaction among national level agencies that share common knowledge, interests, and capabilities in the image processing arena.

b. Serving as a focal point for the exchange and dissemination of information relating to complex digital image processing problems.

c. Maintaining an awareness of ongoing contractual efforts aimed at solving Community-wide digital image exploitation problems (i.e., special software and hardware development activities).

d. Monitoring and coordinating community development of special image processing methodologies, software, and hardware to insure the sharing of intelligence resources among Community members, improved intelligence products, elimination of duplication of effort, and cost savings.

e. Recommending imagery studies related to soft copy exploitation.

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f. Participating in investigative and/or information gathering activities which contribute to the national decision-making process.

3. In carrying out these responsibilities, I will expect you to hold regularly scheduled, at least quarterly, IPWG meetings in locations convenient to Community representatives. I will also expect you to publish formal minutes of all IPWG meetings and report at appropriate intervals to the IPS on IPWG activities.

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Chairman,
Imagery Planning Subcommittee

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IMAGE PROCESSING WORKING GROUP (IPWG)

1. MISSION:

Consonant with COMIREX/Imagery Planning Subcommittee (IPS) guidance and direction, the IPWG will provide an Intelligence Community forum for the interchange of digital image processing information relating to softcopy imagery exploitation methodologies, applications, hardware, and software.

2. FUNCTIONS:

- a. Foster and facilitate the exchange of information relating to digital image processing between softcopy imagery exploiters.
- b. Maintain an awareness of contemporary and emerging digital image processing technology.
- c. Promote the continued advancement of image processing methods for intelligence purposes.
- d. Promote standardization of image processing capabilities.
- e. Support the definition of image processing requirements for future collection systems.

3. COMPOSITION AND ORGANIZATION:

The working group Chairman will be designated by the Chairman, IPS. The working group members will consist of representatives from each IPS member organization. In addition, representatives from government agencies outside the Intelligence Community which have interests or expertise in digital image processing may be invited by the IPWG Chairman to participate in IPWG activities as observers or consultants.

4. WORKING GROUP STAFF SUPPORT:

The working group will be provided secretarial/administrative support by the IPWG Chairman's parent organization. Substantive staff support required to accomplish the mission and functions of the IPWG will be provided jointly by the IPWG Chairman's parent organization, by the IPWG member organizations and by the COMIREX Staff